REMARKS

By the above actions, claims 1 and 10-12 have been amended and claims 7-9, 14, and 15 have been cancelled, the right to file a division directed to claims 14 and 15 being reserved. In view of the actions taken and the following remarks, reconsideration of this application is now requested.

In view of the Examiner's allowance of claims 16 and 17 and his indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 7-9, the subject matter of claim 7 has been incorporated into claim 1 so that claim 1 now constitutes claim 7 rewritten in independent form. Furthermore, since this action effectively makes claim 3 and 5 correspond to allowable claims 8 and 9, claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled and the dependencies of claims10-12 amended accordingly.

Since the actions taken result in the presence of only claims that have been allowed, or claims dependent upon such claims, the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 based upon the Rogers, Jr. et al. patent should be withdrawn and this application approved for issuance as a patent, such action being hereby requested.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with applicant's representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

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